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Vicki Brooker photo

Bring on the crowd! Brunch is served!

F. G. Miller High School's Class of 2013 didn't let the lack of the usual gymnasium venue stop them from continuing the longstanding Crusader tradition of serving pre-Christmas brunch to their fellow students. Turkey and all the trimmings was lined up and ready for the arrival of Grades 7 through 11, who returned to their classrooms to enjoy the annual feast.

No gym for feast? No problem

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The final day of school before the Christmas break has traditionally been the time at F. G. Miller High School for a celebration feast cooked by staff and Grade 12 students and served to the entire student body and special guests.

The lack of the usual venue could have caused cancellation of the feast this year, due to the major renovations to the school's gymnasium, but the Crusader crew couldn't let that happen.

Although the annual guest list,

which included retired teachers, bus drivers and community leaders, could not be followed this year, School Board trustee Darrell Younghans joined students, teachers, and the workers constructing the gym addition to enjoy turkey and all the trimmings, with everyone encouraged to indulge in second helpings and extra desserts.

The school also continued a more recent tradition. Denise Bjorkman reports that FGM's Crusaders International once again hosted a new and gently used stuffy drive, TK's Toys for Tots, to benefit children

whom Victim Services comforts with the help of families from both Elk Point Elementary and F. G. Miller High School.

Kelly Raymond and Kelly Sam, shown at right with the large collection of stuffed toys, represent the students and families who put comfort into the hands of children in crisis situations.

The program began in memory of Crusaders Timmy Quinney and Katja Brand and is continued each year in appreciation of all the tremendous support F. G. Miller students received from Victim Services during those difficult days.



Healthcare Centre emergency department sees temporary night closure

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

A shortage of staff resulted in temporary closures for the Elk Point Healthcare Centre emergency department over the holiday season, according to Alberta Health Services (AHS).

The emergency department was closed overnight from 7 p.m. to 8 a.m. between Dec. 24 and Jan. 2, due to a lack of staff coverage, according to a public service announcement

from AHS.

Kerry Williamson, a spokesperson with AHS, confirmed the temporary closure of the emergency department was "just a staffing problem" and that the facility did not have enough staff to keep the hospital open overnight.

He explained that a lack of staff is an issue that faces many rural hospitals in Alberta, especially in the north part of the province where there are small towns covering large physical areas, adding of the closure, "It's unfortunate."

The emergency department remained fully operational during the day from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., however in the evenings people, needing urgent medical treatment were urged to call 911. AHS emergency medical services were prepared to transport patients to nearby facilities during the service interruption.

"We anticipate the emergency department will return to normal service by Jan. 2, 2013. Long-term care, laboratory and x-ray services will remain open," according to the PSA.

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Layla Cecilia Purdy
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Weight: 7 lbs. 12 oz. Height: 19"
Daughter of
Terina & James Purdy



Markus Edmond Clarence Waskahat
Date of Birth: Aug. 16, 2012
Weight: 8 lbs. 2 1/4 oz.
Height: 24 1/2"
Son of
Nicole Scott & Matthew Waskahat



Camden Randy Duchesneau
Date of Birth: Sept. 18, 2012
Weight: 8 lbs.
Son of
Kristyn & Trevor Duchesneau



Hudson John Krankowsky
Date of Birth: Sept. 6, 2012
Weight: 9 lbs. 3 oz.
Height: 23"
Son of
Brandi & Lyndon Krankowsky



Lincoln Douglas Jurak
Date of Birth: Aug. 6, 2012
Weight: 8 lbs. 10 oz.
Height: 21"
Son of
Jessica Lee & Austin Jurak



Addison Eileen Ockerman
Date of Birth: Aug. 21, 2012
Weight: 7 lbs. 14 oz. Height: 20"
Daughter of
Andrea Lee & Tyson Ockerman



Hunter John Pankiw
Date of Birth: June 26, 2012
Weight: 8 lbs. 12 3/4 oz.
Height: 22 1/4"
Son of
Leanne & Rocky Pankiw



Luke J. Osinchuk
Date of Birth: Dec. 11, 2012
Weight: 7 lbs. 2 oz.
Height: 20"
Son of
Linda & Duncan Osinchuk



Owen Daniel Kinter
Date of Birth: April 11, 2012
Weight: 7 lbs. 6 oz.
Height: 20 1/2"
Son of
Sarab (Osinchuk) & Derreck Kinter



Khiri Sapphira Johnson
Date of Birth: Feb. 11, 2012
Weight: 9 lbs. Height: 22"
Daughter of
Bekki & Todd Johnson



Savannah Irene Erickson
Date of Birth: July 24, 2012
Weight: 8 lbs. 12 oz.
Height: 55 1/2 cm
Daughter of
Sandra & Douglas Erickson



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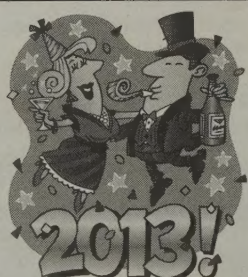
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- Never leave a baby unattended in the bathtub or near a swimming pool.
- Car seats for children under one year old or 20 lbs. should be placed backwards in the backseat.
- Keep medicines, cleaning supplies and other potentially harmful substances locked away.
- Consult your child's pediatrician for more health tips and answers to your questions or concerns.

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Tremendous concerts - take a bow, everyone!

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A kaleidoscope of talent hit the stage of the Elk Point Elementary School as students and staff presented their twin Christmas concerts on December 19 and 20, after weeks of growing excitement and anticipation as they practiced each number under the coordination of teacher Don Buryn, who also provided the musical accompaniment for both concerts.

Last week's somewhat rushed coverage of the concerts included some errors, so here is a brief rundown of the shows we all enjoyed tremendously.

Mistress and master of ceremonies for the first concert were Katelyn Boratynec and Colton Van Maarion and O Canada was led by Nicole Gormley and Liam Ludlage, while the second concert was emceed by Alyssa Adkins and Colton McLean and O Canada was led by Kendra Kowechuk and Delaney Nelson.

Mrs. Wood and her assistants led the ECS classes through two crowd-pleasing numbers to open each show.

The A classes were featured in Wednesday's concert, "The Animals' Christmas Tree," where the cast and 10 narrators consisted of two grade four, three grade five, and five grade six students. Snowflakes from Mrs. Buryn's 1A, trees from Mrs. Stuparyk's and Miss Ockerman's 3A, birds and animals from Miss Grabas' 4A, school children and their principal from Miss Hlushak's 6A, townspeople from Ms. Malette's 2A and the tree-decking 5As from Mrs. Newby's class all helped to tell the story of the forest animals' favourite tree that was taken from them while they slept to decorate the town square for Christmas.

Thursday's concert, "Dear Santa," was performed by the B classes, with 4B, 5B

and 6B students in the starring roles, as a family eager to get their Christmas wish lists to Santa, by whatever means it took.

Mother's fondest wish was for a vacation, and Mrs. Richard's 4B students, laden with suitcases, cameras and sunglasses sang about the delights of a tropical vacation.

Dad, on the other hand, wanted anything but a tie, and was backed up in his plea by Mrs. Tkachuk's 2Bs in a song as he wrote his first letter to Santa since he was nine. Dad changed his tune, however, when he opened a gift from his daughter and found a tie that said, "World's Greatest Dad."

The college student son wanted wheels (preferably on something NASCAR-ready) and enlisted the help of Mrs. Youngmans' 6Bs to plead his case in song.

Someone suggested contacting Santa through the 'Elf Chat' website, but that led straight to the SPCA and a litter of lively puppies - Mrs. Wozniak's 1Bs - who felt a puppy was the perfect gift for everyone.

Fitness conscious Grandma and Grandpa took a shortcut, and called Mrs. Santa on Skype to convey their wish for a Dance Revolution machine, with Mrs. Vinge's 5Bs getting in on the lively action.

Surprisingly, it was their granddaughter who got the best results, and a visit from Santa, although she went back to the old faithful way of pen and paper, and expressed a wish for an old fashioned Christmas, a wish reinforced by Ms. Lefebvre's 3Bs with their message of joy, hope and love.

Two excellent afternoons of entertainment were the result of so many working hard to deliver this 'gift' to the community for the Christmas season.

Our sincere apologies for the mix-ups in last week's concert coverage.



Good luck, son! Mom and Dad break the news to the college boy that his hopes for NASCAR-ready wheels probably are a bit unrealistic, in Dec. 20's 'Dear Santa.'

Capsule Comments

by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Seyi Oyebo



- This is the time of year to make resolutions to change our lives for the better. It's also good to resolve to make someone else's life better too. If you know someone who is lonely or depressed, why not reach out and bring that person to your home for dinner. It will make you both feel better.
- One of the most common resolutions people make for the New Year is to lose weight and to exercise regularly. Ironically, the latter certainly does help the weight-loss goal. Regular exercise is like taking a pill that's good for many ailments. It helps control and prevent problems like heart disease, osteoporosis, arthritis, diabetes and insomnia. It's never too late to start an exercise program.
- Speaking of depression, it does seem more prevalent at this time of year. There are many reasons for it but sometimes it's just the lack of light during the short days of winter. Ask our pharmacists about light therapy. Often simply sitting under a special light for 30 minutes daily can help banish the blues.
- Try to keep your hands away from your nose and mouth at this time of year. These two areas are where bacteria and viruses can easily enter the body. You don't want your fingers to inoculate yourself with colds and flu.
- Another year has gone by and I want to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2013. Thank you for all your kind comments about this column. We look forward to serving you throughout the coming year with great service by our great staff. Happy New Year!



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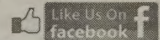
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All right!

Looking back at our Jan. 3, 2012 predictions, we see a near-perfect success rate. The town is working on new industrial and residential lots, the chamber made some significant changes, and new volunteers have come forward to head up or help with some of the organizations, just as we predicted.

Now for 2013!

Onward and upward is the direction we're heading, and we predict the good start on the industrial subdivision expansion will continue to gain momentum. This and the new residential subdivision will result in a record year for building permits, as the town continues to grow.

We didn't predict the development of the walking trails in 2012, but we will predict that our long-awaited solar lights will be installed along the 50 Ave. trail west of town some time this year.

Finally, we predict that the regional water line will be in operation by... dare we say... May long weekend?

Way Back When...

Reduced arrears, renegotiation, more revenue

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 1 IN...

1988

Elk Point started the new year with a new bylaw officer, Bernie Nelson, after the retirement of Ralph Riemer, whose other duties as development officer and building inspector were reassigned to town administrator Pat Vincent. The town had a "phenomenal reduction" in tax arrears, with only \$12,772 left unpaid at the end of the year instead of over \$81,000 the previous year, Vincent told council at the first meeting of the new year.

1993

Bicentennial coordinator Billie Milholland spent New Year's Eve moving a year's accumulation of data and informational material out of the project headquarters, with the year-long celebration all over by the final report. Agriculture Minister Ernie Isley met with the Alberta Cow-Calf Association and was presented with a position paper asking that input costs be lowered by the renegotiation of interest rates for the Alberta Farm Credit Stabilization Program and that the national tripartite stabilization program be retained.

1998

Elk Point's fourth annual First Night Festival took advantage of the last day of nice weather, with activities ranging from horse-drawn wagon rides, courtesy of Stewart and Charlene Bintz, free curling and skating a variety show at the Seniors' Recreation Centre, 4-H visitors for the Parkview and Heritage Lodge, before icy winds blew in just as the fireworks display started, with snow following close behind.

2003

Building permits made a gradual climb in 2002, after bottoming out in 2001, with nine permits for construction totalling \$543,000 in value issued, including three for new homes. Town council spent New Year's Eve day fine-tuning their operating budget and agreed that the town would be looking for more revenue sources in the new year.

2008

Elk Point's first arrival of 2008 was a brand new home that drew a crowd of onlookers as it was lowered into place on its foundation. The chamber of commander started off the year by looking for a new executive, with past president Rod Randall in charge of the nominating committee.

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GUEST COLUMN

Money matters

It is now the beginning of a new year, because the year of 2012 is over. Your thoughts may be on your New Year's Resolutions or they may be on just the beginning of something that is new. Either way, some of the decisions you made in 2012 are still affecting what you will need to do in 2013. What I am talking about is, paying your 2012 bills in 2013 may be something you are thinking about.

In "The World Financial Report" of December 4, 2012 as published by Worldwide Precious Metals, the following statement was made: "There is no painless way out of the mess the world is in today. We are in the final death throes of a mess that started 100 years ago with the creation of the Federal Reserve and there is no painless way out. The solution to solve the problem is very, very painful and it is politically impossible to accomplish. Therefore, the markets will do the work that nobody else will do and the markets work is up for gold and silver and down for the common stocks and the industrial shares. The market will do the work that the politicians won't do." (Ron Rosen)

When I read that statement, I decided to do some research about the Federal Reserve. I wanted to learn why it has caused problems. Some of you are probably now laughing at me. Yes the information was over my head but maybe I could put it simply.

The United States was considerably more unstable financially before the creation of the Federal Reserve. Panics, seasonal cash crunches and a high rate of bank failures made the U.S. economy a riskier place for international and domestic investors to place their capital. The lack of dependable credit stunted growth in many sectors, including agriculture and industry. The story continues. On December 22, 1913 the Federal Reserve Act was signed into law by President Woodrow Wilson. Again the story

continues.

The Federal Reserve acts like a central bank or a Treasury Department. So the Treasury Department, in order to raise cash, will print up a stack of Treasury bonds, which are the means by which the US government borrows money. A bond has a 'face value' which is the amount it

will be sold for, and it has a stated rate of interest that it will pay the holder. So if you bought a bond with \$100 face value and that paid a rate of interest of 5%, then you'd pay \$100 for this bond and get \$105 back in a year. Therefore, if I understand, the Treasury Department earns its money from interest of someone else's debt. Debt pays interest! So the banking system must

continually expand – not necessarily because it is the right (or wrong) thing to do, but, rather, simply because that is how it was designed. It is a feature of the system, just like using gasoline is a feature of my car's engine. I might wish and hope that my car would run on straw, but I'd be wasting my time, because that's just not how it was designed.

Another way to say this is that all dollars are backed by debt. Oh my, what a system! Wait a minute, could that be why credit card companies really want us to use their credit cards and buy "stuff" because they know it will take us a wait to pay off our credit cards? Look at all the money they are earning because of the interest!

Now new problems develop. Sometimes people use their credit cards and they max them out so they can't use them any more until they make payments. Actually, that is what has happened with some countries. Some countries are maxed out in their borrowing powers and other countries don't want to lend to them anymore because they know they will never receive back what they lent them. Hence some countries are going to have to declare bankruptcy.

Yes, money matters can be very complicated. But if you look at it simply, you and I can decide to make our 2013 New Year's Resolution to pay off our debts this year. When that happens, we will be the ones who control our money. We will have changed the system. That is, instead of us tightening our belts, they will now have to tighten their belts because they wouldn't be earning money through the interest we once paid to them. Oh yell! Happy New Year Everyone!

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EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk



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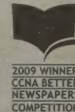
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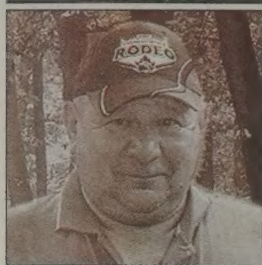
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OBITUARY

MOROZIUK,
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On December 19, 2012, Mr. Marshall Eugene Moroziuk of Elk Point passed away at the age of 58 years.

He is survived by his loving wife, Agnes; 2 sons, Robyn (Myrna) of Elk Point & Shaun (Sheryl) of Calgary; 4 grandchildren, Vanden, Cassidy, Halle & Elena; father-in-law, Kirke Fertig of Athabasca; step-father, Harry Shymkiw of Elk Point; sister, Gladys (Jack) Hamel, their children, Christopher & Ashley (Danny) Hamel & their daughter, Autumn all of Edmonton. He was predeceased by his mother, Mary Shymkiw; father, Peter Moroziuk; mother-in-law, Sophie Fertig.

A Memorial Service was held on December 30, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at Allied Arts Centre, Elk Point, Pastor Kelly Sibley officiated. If desired, donations may be made to Haying in the 30's (Cancer Support Society) or A.G. Ross Arena Operating Committee c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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"Heart and Hustle" award winners from the Novice Avalanche tournament were Odin Smith, Luke Poulin, Avery Warawa, and Jager Fontaine.

Fatal rollover

By Cst. PEDRO RODRIGUES
Elk Point RCMP

At 4 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27, Elk Point RCMP received a call advising that a vehicle had rolled into the ditch on Hwy 646 and range road 45. The driver had been ejected from the vehicle and required medical assistance.

Elk Point RCMP, Fire and EMS units arrived and located four individuals as well as a black SUV. Two females and one male adult were transported to Bonnyville Hospital for non-life threatening injuries and will be released.

The driver of the vehicle, a 29-year-old male was transported to St. Paul hospital where life saving measures were provided. However, the male succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased upon arrival.

It is believed alcohol, speed, poor visibility and road conditions were all contributing factors in the collision.

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Minor hockey update

By DOUG BASSETT
 Review Sports

Today's story is dedicated in memory of my close friend Marshall Moroziuk, a hard-working, dedicated family man who loved his wife, two sons and his grandkids, and had nothing but kindness in his heart for everyone he met. Marshall and I coached together almost every year and when the boys were young in atom and pee-wee we could haul the whole team, a few in my truck and the rest in his big old Lincoln Town Car, and off we'd go to the game. All of Marshall's vehicles were in mint condition, he kept them so clean you could eat off the floor and maintained perfectly no matter how old they became. After the game it was always Pizza Hut, for five bucks, five bucks, five bucks and non-stop pop and sundaes. He was very generous man, always offered to pay, and none of the kids would ever go home hungry because they didn't have money with them. Marshall was always buying me goofy gifts with Toronto Maple Leafs on them, and not because it was my birthday or Christmas, but just because he saw it and had to buy it for me, because he knew I loved that kind of novelty stuff, and I still have them all, some on my shelf and some on the wall in my office. When it came time for fundraising he was the absolute best, he drove all the way to Mundare to pick up kubasa to sell for the team, sold 50-50s or raffle tickets and was the best Bonanza seller minor hockey ever saw, running around the bingo floor I'm sure he holds a record somewhere because no one would ever out-sell him the nights he worked, he made sure of that! His time with us was cut way too short and all of us are really going to miss my buddy the Big Kahuna.

All head coach Dave Nazarchuk wanted for Christmas was to have his

first two points, and the Atom "A" team granted him his wish early, with their very first victory in league play on the Friday before Christmas in Marwayne, his elves coming through with a 4-3 win. Dylan Ference ripping two rockets through the fortress, plus a helper. Connor Lychak coasting in with a goal and an assist, Sam Henderson also ringing the bell with one. Other assists were by Liam Ludlage, Charlie Rogal, Evan Ockerman and Devon Nazarchuk.

T'was the Saturday before Christmas and somewhere in the rink, rumor was that Santa was watching as the boys did their thing. His sleigh bells were muffled by the sound of the air horn, not once but 10 times. With the stands full to the rafters with visiting family members from far and wide, the visiting Lac La Biche Clippers had their wings clipped by the Avalanche with a 10 to 6 win. A close game for the first two periods, the game tied six-all after 40 minutes before the Avalanche hit them with a flurry of shots in the third period, scoring four unanswered goals. Five goals in this one for our team captain Alex Hunter, who for sure must be one of the league leaders in points. Brody Odgaard with a hat trick, Nicholas Tucker making his grandpa Brian smile proudly in the stands with two goals and an assist, Hayden Ludlage with his whole extended family from down south in the stands with a goal and an assist, Warren Ference adding two assists, on the sheet with an assist, Cyle Graus, Dustyn Pankiw and Spencer Hardcastle on the game sheet also adding assists.

Dashing through the snow, over to St. Paul, oh what fun the micro-novice had, it was a great game played by all! Konner Poitras with a hat trick, Sam Rogal, Kade Fontaine and Cash Capjack with two each,

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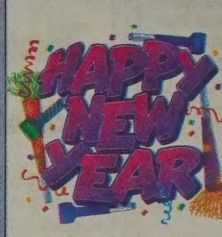
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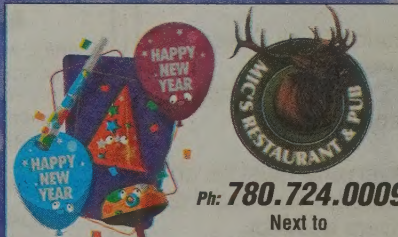
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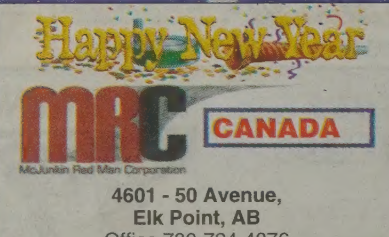
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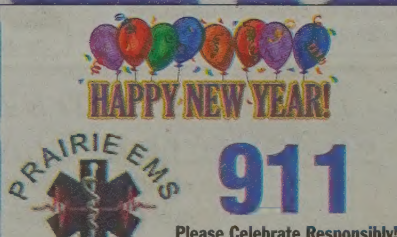
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